

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-9, and add new claims 10-12, as set forth in the complete list of claims that is presented below.

1. (currently amended) An object supplying device, ~~for supplying an object to one of a plurality of principals,~~ comprising:

a principal information storing section to store information about each of a said plurality of principals;

an object information storing section to store information about each of a plurality of said objects; and

an application section to retrieve ~~said object corresponding to said one principal by combining~~ a plurality of pieces of information stored in said principal information storing section in response to principal ID information supplied of said principals, and to use the pieces of information retrieved from the principal information storing section along with a plurality of pieces of information stored in said object information storing section to identify an ~~and by referring to said combined information and to supply said retrieved~~ object corresponding to said one of said principals ~~principal~~.

2. (currently amended) The object supplying device according to Claim 1, wherein said object supplying device is a distributed processing device in a distributed

processing system including a network and said distributed processing device is being connected to said network.

3. (currently amended) The object supplying device according Claim 2, where in said distributed processing system includes said distributed processing device operating as a server and a plurality of client units ~~being~~ connectable to said server through said network, and wherein said one of said principals ~~principal~~ is any one of said client units, used by a user, using said client unit and an object contained in said client unit.

4. (currently amended) The object supplying device according to Claim 3, wherein said distributed processing system is comprises a portable communication system provided with a portable communication terminal, and wherein said client unit ~~constituting~~ constitutes said one of said principals ~~principal~~ is said portable communication terminal.

5. (currently amended) The object supplying device according to Claim 1, further comprising a receiving section to receive, from said one of said principals, ~~principal~~ information about authentication needed to authenticate said one of said principals ~~principal~~ and an authenticating section to authenticate said one of said principals ~~principal~~ based on said authentication information received by said receiving section and by referring to said information stored in said principal information storing

section, and wherein said application section, when said one of said principals ~~principal~~ is authenticated by said authenticating section to be an authorized principal, performs retrieval and supply of said object.

6. (currently amended) The object supplying device according to Claim 1, wherein said application section, when being request by said one of said principals ~~principal~~ to supply an object, performs retrieval and supply of said object.

7. (currently amended) The object supplying device according to Claim 1, further comprising a principal information managerial section which, when information stored in said principal information managerial section is changed, notifies said change to any service requesting ~~for~~ notification of said change, out of two or more services, and wherein said application section has a plurality of services defining a plurality of objects.

8. (currently amended) The object supplying device according to ~~claim~~ Claim 7, further comprising an object information managerial section to change said object information in accordance with a change notification ~~of said change~~ from said principal information managerial section.

9. (currently amended) The object supply device according to Claim 1, wherein said application section uses combination of said pieces of information stored in retrieved ~~from said principal information storing section along~~ with said information stored in said

object information storing section ~~is defined by~~ in accordance with a predetermined matching rule.

10. (new) The object supplying device according to Claim 1, wherein said application section further comprises a plurality of services defining said objects, and supplies said object corresponding to said one of said principals to said one of said principals over a network.

11. (new) The object supplying device according to Claim 1, wherein a principal is added or deleted by modifying said principal information in said principal information storing section, without modifying said object information stored in said object information storing section.

12. (new) The object supplying device according to Claim 11, wherein an object is added or deleted by modifying said object information in said objection information storing section, without modifying said principal information in said principal information storing section.